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CM to launch Vairamudi Utsava at Melukote tonight

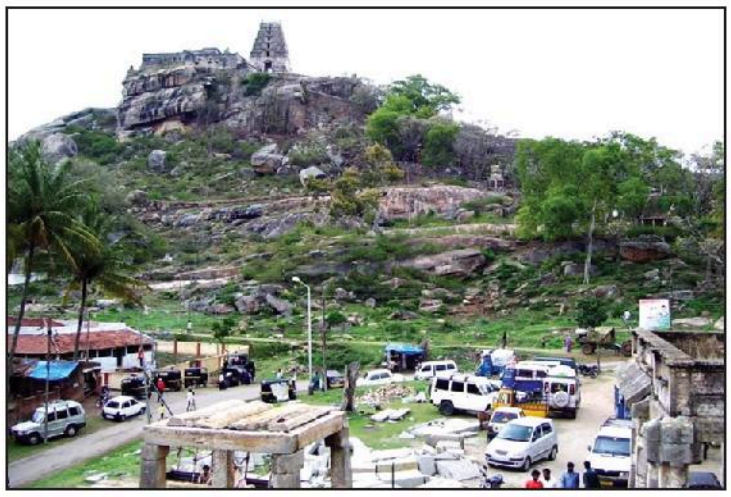
Lakhs of devotees to have *darshan* after a COVID-induced two-year break; Jatra Mahotsava to conclude on Mar. 21

Mandya, Mar. 14 (OSR)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will launch the Vairamudi Utsava at Cheluvanarayanaswamy temple in Melukote of Pandavapura taluk in Mandya district tonight.

The Vairamudi Utsava is part of the 13-day Jatra Mahotsava that began an Mar.9 and concludes on Mar.21.

The Jatra was scaled down for the last two years due to COVID pandemic and this year, the Mandya District Administration, taking note of public demand, decided to celebrate it in a grand manner.

Bommai is scheduled to arrive at this famed temple town at 8.45 pm tonight for the launch. The presiding deity Cheluvanarayanaswamy will be adorned with the diamond-studded crown and taken on a procession in the temple town today. The night-long Utsava will conclude at about 4 am tomorrow.



Earlier in the day, the rituals began at 4.30 am, following which Cheluvanarayanaswamy Mantapotsava was held at 9 am, Vairamudi and Rajamudi procession at 5 pm and performance of 'Tiruvabharana Pettige Puja' by Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji at 5.30 pm.

The sleepy town of Melukote has been decked up for the 13-day event. Rituals associated with the festival began on Wednesday (Mar.9) last.

There are no restrictions this year unlike the previous two years due to the pandemic and devotees can participate in large numbers for all the rituals related to the Jatra Mahotsava, also known as the Vairamudi Brahmotsava.

Vairamudi, the crown made up of precious diamonds, gold and embedded with precious gems, which is kept in the safe custody of District Treasury at Mandya, is brought under tight Police security to Melukote just hours before the Utsava following which the deity of the Hill temple Lord Vishnu will be adorned with the legendary crown.

Sthanikas stage protest

Condemning the Taluk Administration's decision to allow only the First Sthanika of the temple to bring the diamond-studded Vairamudi from the District Treasury at Mandya, in violation of the temple manual, a High Court direction and temple practices, the family members of the Fourth Sthanikas staged a protest at Melukote this morning and blocked the vehicle assigned to bring the Vairamudi.

Accusing the administration of favouring only the First Sthanika, while also ignoring the Temple Executive Officer Mangalamma, the protestors entered into a verbal argument with the officials, demanding that all the Sthanikas be allowed to accompany the vehicle.

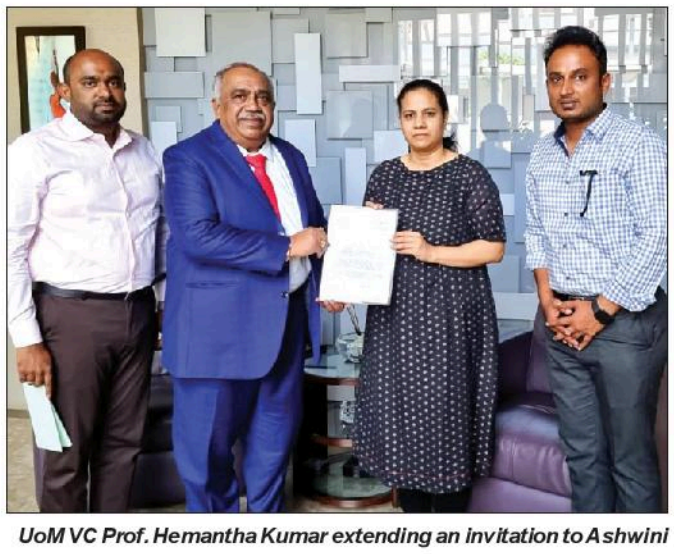
(See VAIRAMUDI on page 7)

'My husband shied away from doctorates and refused many'

Puneeth Rajkumar's wife Ashwini confides with Mysore Varsity Vice-Chancellor

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (RK&BCT)- It is a known fact that while directors and producers never shied away from using the legendary actor late Dr. Rajkumar's dynasty for promotion of their films, Puneeth Rajkumar never used his status as Dr. Rajkumar's son to promote himself or his films. For him, work and service was paramount and he was reluctant to accept honorary doctorates during his lifetime and politely refused the honour many times. This was revealed to University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar by Puneeth's wife Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar when the former had been to her house in Bengaluru.

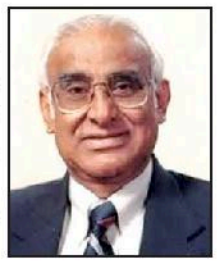
(See DOCTORATES on page 7)



UoM VC Prof. Hemantha Kumar extending an invitation to Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar as Special Officer to VC Chethan** (extreme left) **and Darshan, a close associate of Dr. Raj's family, look on.

UoM doctorate will be close to my heart: Dr. V.K. Aatre

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (BCT)- "The Vice-Chancellor called me and I felt happy. In fact, I studied in the University of Mysore (UoM) in 1961 as it was the only University then. But I was studying in Bangalore. I have fond memories of my education and this doctorate will be close to my heart," said Dr. V.K. Aatre, former Director General of DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation).



Dr. Vasudev Aatre

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Dr. Aatre said, "I have attended many meetings at Crawford Hall but I am attending an event of this scale there for the first time on Mar. 22 where I will receive the honorary doctorate at the 102nd Convocation of the Varsity."

Dr. Aatre, who has been honoured with many awards including *Padma Bhushan* and *Padma Vibhushan*, reached the highest position in the DRDO due to his outstanding contributions in many spheres of defence technologies. He had a brilliant academic record and a meritorious career in India and abroad. Dr. Aatre received BE (Electrical) from the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), then a part of the University of Mysore, in 1961.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 14th March 2022

Over 21,000 Government employees have BPL cards

1,457 illegal card holders are from Mysuru

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (SPN&DM)- In a shocking discovery, it has come to light that there are 21,232 Government servants, Quasi and Semi-Government undertaking employees who are in illegal possession of BPL and Antyodaya cards.

On coming to know of this, the Food and Civil Supplies Department has issued notices to all Government employees who are in illegal possession of BPL cards. The Government in 2017 kept out all its staff and employees serving in Government-aided institutions from BPL and Antyodaya ration cards.

The Government then had also issued certain guidelines on the yardstick to be followed by the authorities while issuing BPL and other ration cards.

Sources said that out of the 21,232 Government servants who have illegal BPL cards, 1,457 are from Mysuru, 906 from Mandya, 562 from Chamarajanagar and 571 from Hassan districts. All such illegal card holders have been served notices seeking an explanation, sources added.

Admission open for Diploma and Master's Degree at IGNOU

Mysuru, Mar. 14- Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has begun admission for various Certificate, Diploma, PG Diploma, Degree and Master's Degree programmes for January 2022 cycle.

There is a fee exemption for SC/ST students for selected Under Graduate, Diploma and Certificate programmes. Aspiring students can visit: *https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in/* and can apply online before Mar. 15 by uploading the required documents and with the choice of their study centre.

For more information, visit Vidyavardhaka First Grade College, Seshadri Iyer Road, Mysuru, between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm personally or contact Prof. R. Siddaraju, Assistant Coordinator on Ph: 0821-2423374 or Mob:82961-36535 or send e-mail to: *rcbangalore@ignou.ac.in.*

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

2024 - BJP VS AAP?: ***India's political tectonic plates have begun shifting once again after the latest round of State Assembly elections. AAP's stunning sweep in Punjab, and BJP's equally majestic win in UP by overcoming anti-incumbency and (almost) repeating its feats of 2014, 2017 and 2019, establish two things.***

One, BJP remains the primary pole of Indian politics eight years after breaking the old mould in 2014. Two, the Opposition space has a new contender in AAP, a party that is not too rigidly regional in appearance. One can, of course, include the results in Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa to make other points, but these States would not have altered the national picture even if the outcomes had been different. Directionally, only UP and Punjab mattered in this round of Assembly elections.

Let's take the Opposition space first. After last year's major Assembly elections in West Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, the media talked up Mamata Banerjee's emergence as a potential national player, but the reality is that she has not managed to transcend her provincial aura.

In contrast, AAP, which always had a bigger national stage by virtue of governing Delhi, has now become the governing power in Punjab, pushing aside the two other formations — Congress and Akali Dal — that have previously governed the State. If AAP manages to extend its political reach to be a significant player in at least one other State, Arvind Kejriwal will become the second contender for a national role after Congress. — *R. Jagannathan in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man claims to remember past life as WWI pilot

Manchester: A man claimed that a hypnosis session triggered vivid memories of his past life as an airplane photographer and gunner during World War I.

Steve Mulligan was born in 1961, in Manchester, but also has very clear memories of growing up in Llandudno, Wales, in the beginning of the 20th century. He claims that he grew up as Sydney Sutcliffe, and died at the age of 24, after his plane was shot down during WW I.

He always had these strange memories that played out in black and white, of him looking down from high up in the sky, but he could never really make sense of them. And then he went in for a hypnosis session and discovered that he was remembering his past life.

World's highest tea party on Mt. Everest

Nepal: An adventurer from Seattle was awarded a Guinness World Record for hosting the world's highest tea party when he and his team sat down for hot beverages at a height of 21,312 feet above sea level on Mount Everest.

Andrew Hughes, an endurance athlete and adventurer, received word from Guinness World Records this month that he and his team had officially set the record for the world's highest tea party when they had tea and snacks at an altitude of 21,212 feet on May 5, 2021.

Hughes said he was preparing to summit the Nepal mountain during the COVID-19 pandemic when he came up with the idea to set a Guinness World Record in the process.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Nephrons are the filtering units of the kidney. Each kidney has about 10 lakh nephrons. If removed and laid end to end they cover more than 10 kms !

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa - Consultant Nephrology &Transplant Physician Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Janapada Academy to bring out folklore literature in 100 volumes

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (MTY&DM)- Kannada and Culture Department Joint Director Balwantrao Patil said that the Karnataka Government has planned to bring out Folklore Literature in 100 volumes.

He was speaking at the seminar 'Janapada - Nelada Samskruti' organised as part of 'Rangayanadangaladalli Janapadaru', a two-day folk festival organised by Rangayana in association with the Directorate of Kannada and Culture ahead of 'Bahuroopi' National Theatre Fest, at B.V. Karanth Rangachavadi in Rangayana premises here recently.

Pointing out that 56 volumes have already been completed, Patil said that the rest of the volumes are under print.

Noting that the Government is working in saving our rich culture and traditions, he said that the Government has formed many academies for the purpose.

Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa said that it is special that several tribal communities have existed only in the name of art or art forms.

Stating that tribals have played a keyrole in the survival and sustenance of our culture and traditions, he asserted that Rangayana was committed for organising more such programmes.

Maharaja's College Folklore Department Head Prof. Chetana Balakrishna presided.

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) faculty Dr. H.C. Manju, Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati and others were present.

REALLY...?

- ***The Yubari Melon (also known as Yubari king) is assumed to be the world's most expensive fruit, costing around $23,000 per pair. If reports are to be believed, one kilogram of Yubari Melon can cost up to Rs. 20 lakh. This fruit is only exclusive to the topmost tier of society that is the super-rich.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Why did the student eat his homework?
Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake!

.....

Do you want to hear a construction joke?
Sorry, I'm still working on it!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 76.66
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.75
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.89
1 Euro	= Rs. 83.61

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	MARCH 12	MARCH 13
Day's Positive Cases	6	7
Total Positive Cases	2,29,398	2,29,405
Day's Discharges	13	0
Total Discharges	2,26,795	2,26,795
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,557	2,557
Total Active Cases	46	53

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Re-introduce traffic signal lights at busy Hardinge Circle

Sir,

Hardinge Circle (Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle) is one the most important junctions of Mysuru city. It is one of the busiest Circles with vehicular traffic movement from six roads.

Also there is a lot of movement of KSRTC buses, private buses as well as two, three and four-wheelers.

Earlier, traffic signal lights were functioning and traffic movements were quite safe and smooth. Now these traffic signals have become defunct.

I request the authorities concerned to re-introduce traffic signal lights or at least depute a few Traffic Police staff to regulate the disorderly traffic movement.

—G. Suryanarayana
Mysuru
8.3.2022

NIE signs MoU to boost Start-ups

Dr. R. Dattakumar, Hon. Treasurer, NIE; Prof. Shamsundar, Head, NIE-CREST; Parthanath, CMD, Shyamnur Group; Dr. N. V. Raghavendra, Principal, NIE; Sanjay Shyamnur, Principal Consultant, NxtLeap; N. Satyakumar, Director, NIE-MC; Dr. M.S. Ganesh Prasad, Vice-Principal, NIE and Saagarika Shyamnur, Managing Partner, Maharaja CNG Centre, during the signing of MoU.

Mysuru, Mar. 14- The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NxtLeap, Bengaluru, recently to give boost to Start-ups and commercialisation of in-house research in the areas of BioCNG, Renewable Microgrids, biodiesel, water, sanitisation and hygiene.

NIE, through the Centre of Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technologies (CREST), has been doing pioneering work in the areas of rain water harvesting, bio-gasification and renewable microgrids.

The bio-gasification plant at Mysuru Zoo and the rain water harvesting system in Mysore Palace are testimony to the excellent work being carried out by NIE - CREST.

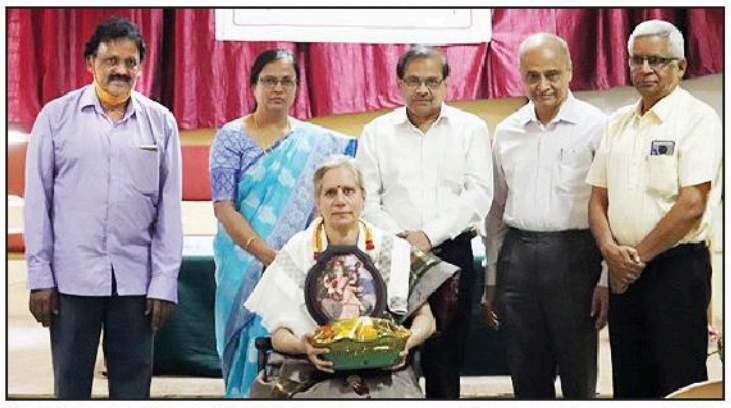
Now, NIE has tied up with NxtLeap Global Advisory Services to give a boost to commercialisation of the IP created through research projects. Nxtleap is a modern age Angel Investor and Business Accelerator, which has a portfolio of several valuable companies.

'Student involvement in active, real world issues is the best way to train them to be competent engineers', said Dr. R. Dattakumar, Hon. Treasurer, NIE Management Committee, speaking at the MoU signing event on Mar. 3. This tie-up will also facilitate high quality internships, ideation camps and project work for the students of NIE.

Sanjay Shyamnur, Principal Consultant, NxtLeap, is credited with putting Mysuru at the centre of green fuel landscape of the country. Dr. N. V. Raghavendra, Principal, NIE, who signed the MoU on behalf of NIE, recalled the ongoing collaboration NIE has with the University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA and the OelWermeInstitut (OWI), affiliated to the prestigious Aachen University of Germany, in the areas of renewable energy technologies.

Parthanath, CMD, Shyamnur Group; N. Satyakumar, Director - NIE MC; Prof. S. Shamsundar, Head, NIE-CREST; Dr.M.S.Ganesh Prasad, Vice-Principal, NIE; Saagarika Shyamnur, Managing Partner, Maharaja CNG Centre and Sunil Gaekwad, Coordinator of the Centre for International Collaborations, NIE, were present on the occasion.

CFTRI Director inaugurates Chemical Society



Dr. Sridevi A. Singh, CFTRI Director, who was felicitated, is seen with Dr. R. Gururaja of PG Department of Chemistry, Sarada Vilas College, Dr. M. Devika, Principal, Prof. T.K. Umesh, former Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B. M. Subraya, President of SVEI and N. Chandrashekar, Hon.Secretary of SVEI.

Mysuru, Mar. 14- The Chemical Society of Post-Graduate Department of Chemistry, Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru, was inaugurated by chief guest Dr. Sridevi A. Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, on Mar.2 at a function was held at the audio visual room of the College.

Speaking on the importance of usage of chemicals in daily life, she highlighted the quality-based research in M.Sc., Chemistry. She also emphasised on Food and Nutrition and the contribution of CFTRI to the society during recent years.

Dr. B.M. Subraya, President of SVEI Mysuru, N. Chandrashekar, Hon.Secretary, SVEI, Prof. T.K. Umesh, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, Dr. M. Devika, Principal, Sarada Vilas College and Dr. R. Gururaja of PG Department of Chemistry, were present.

Prof. T.K Umesh gave suggestions to include IQAC quality improvement activities in Chemical Society. Final year MSc., student J. Sahana Priya compered. Sangeetha welcomed. B.M. Vinod Nadig, final MSc student, proposed a vote of thanks.

Annual Startup Charcha held at SDM-IMD

Mysuru, Mar.14- Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD) had organised the Annual Event - Startup Charcha on a virtual mode recently.

Startup Charcha is a major one among various entrepreneurship activities undertaken by Swayam - E cell of SDM-IMD students and is in line with the current focus and thrust on Startups with a conducive policy environment.

SDM-IMD's E-cell had initiated entrepreneurship activities such as Cerebra, E-quest, etc., to give conceptual insights to students on Entrepreneurship. The E-cell of SDM-IMD students has undertaken many activities since 2013. Many alumni of SDM-IMD have also established successful startups.

The Startup Charcha event held for the eighth year had a Panel Discussion on Entrepreneurship: Dimensions, Emerging Issues, and Way Forward. The Panellists were G. Rajesh, an alumnus of SDM-IMD, Founder-Highway Delite; Rajeev Koyal, an alumnus of SDM-IMD, Founder-Avurtana Learning and currently Regional Head, Karnataka, NASSCOM 10000 startups; Subrahmanya Rao, an alumnus of SDM-IMD, Founder- Discover Dollar, Smitha Bopanna, SDM-IMD Alumna and Co-Founder- Noesys Software Pvt Ltd and Dr. Riyaz Ahmed, Faculty Member-Finance Area, SDM-IMD.

Participants in the Annual Startup Charcha.

Dr.N.R. Parasuraman, Director, SDM-IMD, highlighted that entrepreneurship development activities in SDM-IMD were in keeping with the global trends in management education and the importance of understanding Startup issues by students at business schools.

Dr. M.R. Suresh, Professor - Marketing and Faculty Coordinator of E-cell at SDM-IMD, who moderated the panel discussion, indicated that the focus of entrepreneurship activities at SDM-IMD has been on creating awareness, development of entrepreneurship skills among students, providing conceptual insights on different categories of entrepreneurship and learning on entrepreneurship need not be only in the classroom but also through fora such as panel discussions with experts.

The distinguished panellists expressed that it would be difficult for corporate firms to generate jobs to accommodate all the students graduating from academic institutions.

The panellists opined that funding support was more readily available than in the past for good ideas. In addition, the panellists stated that the time was ripe for young MBAs to take the plunge. Initially, it might be a challenge, but help was forthcoming from mentors who often went out of the way to guide young entrepreneurs.

Many women were also establishing Startups, but passion to pursue an idea was necessary irrespective of gender. More than an adventure taking calculated risks was required, they said and added that it was also important to have prudent financial management practices, particularly while raising funds and managing capital.

Earlier, M.V. Sunil, Head - Academic Administration, welcomed and acknowledged the support provided by Niranjan Naik, President, SDM-IMD Alumni Association, for the event.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Mar. 14- **C.C. Lokesha** has been awarded Ph.D in History by University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Hassana Jilleya Veerashaiva Matagalu — Ondu Samskruthika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. R. Rajanna].

R. Abhishek Bharadwaj has been awarded Ph.D in Environmental Science by the UoM for his thesis 'Productivity and Biodiversity Studies in Sasihithlu Estuary of Dakshina Kannada District for Sustainable Management', submitted under the guidance of Dr. A.G. Devi Prasad.

N.V. Pradeep has been awarded Ph.D in Ambedkar Studies by UoM for his thesis 'Karnatakadalli Dalitha Chaluvali Rupisida Bhu Horatagalu (1975 to 2000)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Narendra Kumar.

NEWS BRIEFS

Financial aid for Syed's library

Karnataka Kannada Barahagarara mattu Prakashakara Sangha, Bengaluru and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru, will be providing financial aid of Rs. 10,000 and donating Kannada books to Syed Isak's library located at No. 304/2, 4th Cross, near Amar Masjid, Shantinagar in city on Mar. 15 at 12 noon, according to a press release from Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar.

World Consumer Rights Day

Mysore Grahakara Parishath (MGP) will observe World Consumer Rights Day jointly with Amrutha Mayi Degree College, Bogadi, on Mar. 15 at 11 am at the College premises. For details, contact the MGP President on Mob: 94489-79349.

Unanimously elected as office-bearers

The following have been unanimously elected as the office-bearers of Sri Avani Swasahaya Sangha: Yadu Sheshadri - President, M.J. Saritha - Secretary and Geetha Balakrishna - Treasurer, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	111.78 feet
Yesterday	:	111.82 feet
Inflow	:	653 cusecs
Outflow	:	979 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2274.13 feet
Inflow	:	116 cusecs
Outflow	:	2,742 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2849.46 feet
Inflow	:	29 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,800 cusecs

Fire destroys forest vegetation at Karighatta

Srirangapatna, Mar. 14 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- Hundreds of acres of forest vegetation was destroyed in fire allegedly lit by miscreants at Karighatta Hill in Srirangapatna taluk yesterday.

Karighatta Hill, also known as Chikka Tirupati, houses Sri Venkataramana Swamy Temple atop it, which has a history of thousands of years and miscreants have been torching the hill and destroying nature since many years.

Yesterday's fire has destroyed more than 250 acre of forest vegetation. The flames spread uphill near the steps leading to Srinivasa Temple destroying precious plants and trees.

It was about a year or two, environmentalists, students, social workers and villagers had planted various types of saplings such as neem, peepal, banyan, mango, honge and jackfruit and had nurtured them every day by fetching water from the foothill and watering the saplings which had grown into small trees. Now, these trees have been destroyed in the fire which was lit by miscreants. Even small birds which had nested in these small trees are destroyed in the fire.

Negligence by Forest staff

Though the Forest staff noticed fire, no steps were taken even to inform the Fire Station, thus exhibiting their negligent attitude, which led to such devastation of forest vegetation.

Public alleged that those deployed to prevent forest fire were not working and added that the Forest Department had not taken any steps to prevent forest fire during summer and even firelines have not been created.

Action will be taken against negligent staff: DFO

Meanwhile, District Forest Officer (DFO) Ravishankar, speaking to *SOM,* said that miscreants have been lighting fire to forest every year and this year too they have lit fire.

"Due to excessive rains, bushes, grass and small plants had overgrown. Due to summer, grass and few plants had dried and this led to such devastation. The public have accused the forest staff of showing negligence, an enquiry will be held and action will be taken against the erring staff," the DFO said.

Pointing out that a new Range Forest Officer (RFO) has been deployed, the DFO said that the RFO lacked information and added that there is shortage of staff and the present staff has heavy work load.

Fire prevention limited to only programmes

As summer approaches, Forest Department authorities of the district hold various programmes to prevent forest fires by creating firelines, conduct regular beats to prevent unauthorised people from entering forest area and burn twigs and sticks in three metre radius from forest borders so that fire would not spread further into the forest area.

The Fire Department also plays a major role in extinguishing fire and the Forest staff have to be in constant touch with the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

In the past too, Karighatta has seen major fires caused by miscreants. Despite this, the Forest Department not taking any precautions to prevent such incidents had angered the public.

Woman's body found floating in Kukkarahalli Lake

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (RK&KS)- Morning walkers were shocked to see a body of an unidentified woman floating in Kukkarahalli Lake this morning. The walkers, who saw the body floating near the view point, informed Jayalakshmipuram Police. Inspector Poonacha and staff, who arrived at the spot, summoned swimmers and with their help the body has been fished out from the lake.

Jayalakshmipuram Police, who have registered a case, were trying to establish the identity of the dead woman by conducting preliminary investigation, when we went to the Press.

Obituary

Alhaj Gaffar Shariff

Mysuru, Mar. 14-Alijanab Alhaj Gaffar Shariff of Grand Gaffariya Hotel on Akbar Road in Mandi Mohalla and a resident of Shanthinagar, passed away yesterday night in city. He was 90.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, five daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Masjid-e-Baghban on Akbar Road, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Swarnalakshmi

Swarnalakshmi (80), elder sister of advocate A.S. Nataraju of Srirampura, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

TEASER By N. Prakash

Forget VOTES!! Atleast try to get a SCAPEGOAT !!!
CONGRESS PARTY HEADQUARTERS
POLL DEBACLE IN 2022 STATE ELECTION UP, GOA, MANIPUR UTTARAKHAND, PUNJAB

Maharani Women Teachers' Training Institute on the brink of extinction?

Mysuru, Mar.14 (GA&TRR)- The erstwhile Maharajas of Mysore had constructed many attractive buildings during their tenure many of which are now in a dilapidated state because of the poor maintenance and apathy of successive Governments. Many educational institutions which were housed in these buildings have been closed permanently. Maharani Women Teachers' Training Institute is one among such institution, which is on the verge of closing down.

Mysuru has become synonymous with culture, tourist spots and heritage buildings, which are the gifts of the Maharajas. In addition to this are the Mysuru's main educational institutions and their heritage buildings. The Government has failed to save many heritage buildings and many educational institutions of the princely era are all set to begin their journey to join the realms of history.

Maharani Women Teachers' Training Institute situated on Narayana Shastry Road was the State's first teachers training institute for women established 94 years ago by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. Hitherto, thousands of students who were trained in this institution have become teachers and are successfully moulding the lives of thousands of students.

The number of rural students are always more here when compared to their urban counterpart. The institution itself is conveniently located and is near to both City Bus Stand and Railway Station. General category students with 50 percent marks and SC/ST students with 40 percent are eligible for admission in this Institute. Compared to the present day nursery school admission fee, the fee here is very less and even concessions are offered to eligible students.

There are 11 teachers in this institution including professors and lecturers and in addition, it has one physical education teacher, one music teacher and one arts teacher.

The institute has six administrative staff including the Principal. Teaching here is not restricted to just Diploma in Elementary Education, it also includes training in English proficiency and Teachers Education Test (TET). Free computer, yoga, meditation and mind control training are also being provided here.

During the academic year 2019, there were just 19 students in first year and 13 in the second year. Following this, the Department of State Education Research and Training (DSERT) in its report submitted that admissions have slumped in this institution.

Presently, there are 36 students in the first year and 24 students in the second year and admissions have increased as per Government regulations.

Despite all the above advantages, uncertainty looms large over the fate of this institution and there is a fear that this institution may go into the pages of history before its centenary celebrations.

> There was a decline in the number of admission during the year 2019. The teaching and administrative staff had carried out a campaign highlighting the legacy of Maharani Teachers' Training Institute, facilities available here and distributed more than 5,000 pamphlets across the district to save this institute from closing down. As a result of this, more than 45 students sought admission. Some dropped out citing reasons of marriage and engagement. We have students who are more than 40 years old and are getting trained in this institute. At present, the strength of the student is as per the levels stipulated by the Government. We have already initiated steps to increase the number of students next year.
>
> **— Nanjundaswamy, Principal, Maharani Women Teachers' Training Institute**

Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute building inaugurated

Minister announces establishment of Tribal Museum in city

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (MK&TRR)- Transport and Schedule Tribes Welfare Minister B. Sriramulu has announced the establishment of a 'Tribal Museum' in Mysuru on the lines of the one in Ranchi, to showcase the participation of tribal leaders in freedom struggle and their achievements.

He was speaking after inaugurating the new building of Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI) at the Treasury Employees Layout at Kergalli in city on Saturday.

Pointing out that the State Government is committed for the total welfare of tribals in the State, the Minister said that KSTRI was established for their welfare.

The new building is built at a cost of Rs. 9.95 crore to work towards preserving the history, culture and traditions of tribals and the Government has taken another step forward to ensure the overall development of the tribals, he added.

Sriramulu said that the State Government has created a separate Ministry for the welfare of tribals and for the first time nominated Shantharam Siddhi, a member of Siddhi tribal community to the State Legislative Council. It is the intention of the Government to bring tribal community to the mainstream of the society, he added.

He further said that programmes are being formulated for the social, economic and educational progress of the tribals and global market is made available for tribal products like coffee and black pepper.

"The Central Government and the State Government are giving Rs.1 crore and 2 crore respectively every year to the Tribal Research Centre and the Union Government has an intention of converting 36,000 tribal hamlets as model tribal villages," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA G.T. Devegowda said that it is being rumoured that Sriramulu will be the Dy.CM of the State and expressed hope he will become the Dy. CM in future. District Minister S.T. Somashekar, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman Appanna, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Mysore Paints And Varnish Ltd., Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) Chairman N.R. Krishnappa Gowda, CADA Chairman N. Shivalingaiah, Schduled Tribes Welfare Department Director Kantaraju and Tribal Research Institute Director Rajesh G. Gowda and others were present.

Milk prices to go up shortly?

Bengaluru, Mar. 14 (KMS&DM)- In what could be yet another blow to the common man who is already reeling under rising prices of essential commodities, the KMF (Karnataka Milk Federation) is all set to hike milk prices by the end of this month.

The District Milk Unions had sought the KMF a hike of Rs. 3 per litre of milk over a year ago. But the KMF then had turned it down as the third wave of COVID pandemic struck following which yet another lockdown was enforced.

But still, the District Milk Unions have been pressurising the KMF to hike milk prices by at least Rs. 3 per litre so as to overcome rising costs of operation.

In this backdrop, the KMF is likely to consider the demand for a price hike by Milk Unions and an announcement in this regard will be made by the this month end, it is learnt.

Meanwhile, the District Milk Unions are learnt to be preparing to take a delegation to the Chief Minister under the leadership of KMF Chairman Balachandra Jarkiholi to press the Government for giving sanction for milk price hike.

Impact of Ramzan fasting on diabetics:
UoM invites volunteers for study

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (BCT)- The Department of Studies in Food Science and Nutrition, University of Mysore (UoM), will be conducting a research study on the impact of fasting in diabetics during *Ramadhan (Ramzan)* and has invited volunteers for the same. The volunteers will be studied on variation blood glucose levels during fasting.

In 2019, the Department had undertaken a research study on the impact of fasting during *Ramzan* on the metabolic effects, body composition and other related parameters. The first study was conducted among healthy subjects and has been published in the International Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism in 2020.

This time, the research — 'Impact of personalised nutrition on blood glucose control' — will evaluate the impact of personalised nutrition on lipid profile, body composition, and other parameters among persons with type-2 diabetes during *Ramzan* fasting.

The research will help diabetics avoid complications such as hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar) during fasting and guide them about the proper choice of food during *'Sehri'* (pre-dawn meal) and *'Iftar'* (breaking of fast in the evening).

According to Dr. Asna Urooj, Professor, Department of Studies in Food Science and Nutrition, University of Mysore, the volunteers willing to participate in the study should be between 21 and 60 years. They must be diagnosed with type 2 diabetes for at least 12 months.

The volunteers will be screened by Dr. M.S. Basavaraj, Chief Medical Officer, University of Mysore's Health Centre. There is no fee either for the registration or for the tests that are conducted as part of the research study. Also, the University of Mysore's Human Ethics Committee has approved the study.

Prof. Urooj said that the study will strictly adhere to the practical guidelines issued by International Diabetes Federation — Diabetes and Ramadhan 2021.

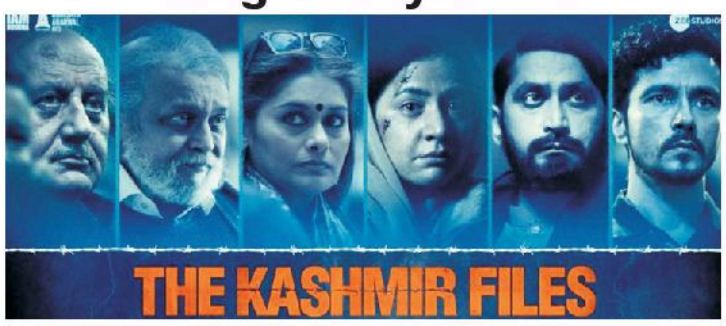
In 2019, 69 healthy volunteers between 18 years and 65 years had registered themselves for the study and 54 of them — 28 men and 26 women — participated. The volunteers fasted for 29 days and stayed off food and water for about 13-and-a-half hours, starting pre-dawn to sunset, every day.

They had to provide blood samples before the start of the fasting and after its conclusion to arrive at the changes in various parameters such as lipid profile, blood glucose, anti-oxidants, liver and renal function, etc.

After the month of *Ramadhan* concluded, post-fasting blood sampling and body composition were conducted. The overall study showed that *Ramzan* fasting resulted in body weight loss up to an average of 2.5 kgs and loss of fat in some while some elderly volunteers had even lost muscle mass.

Interested persons can contact Mob: 90352-75021, 95911-26693, 89514-78491 or 73495-89902 between 10 am and 3 pm for registration.

'The Kashmir Files'
screening in city on Mar. 16



Mysuru, Mar. 14 (BCT)- A special screening of Vivek Agnihotri's 'The Kashmir Files' — a movie based on the lives of Kashmiri Pandits and inspired by true events — has been arranged by Mysuru Cinema Society on Wednesday, Mar. 16 at 3.45 pm.

The screening will be held at DRC Cinemas at B.M. Habitat Mall, Jayalakshmipuram. It will be an invite-only event for the who's who, influencers and well-known personalities, social commentators and high-ranking officers of Mysuru city. The movie stars Anupam Kher and Mithun Chakraborty in the lead roles.

The Mysuru Cinema Society has been established to promote the study of film and media as the form of art and social force and to encourage production and to promote appreciation of films of artistic value and social causes, says a press release.

Discussion on movie

After the screening of the movie, there will be a discussion on the film by actor Prakash Belavadi who has acted in 'The Kashmir Files' along with R.K. Mattoo, senior journalist and Chairman of Kashmiri Hindu Cultural Welfare Trust, Bengaluru. Mattoo is a journalist of repute and the leader of the Kashmiri community in Bengaluru and a social activist of high standards.

'The Kashmir Files' is based on the life of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990, during the Kashmir insurgency. It is a true story, based on video interviews of the first generation victims of the Kashmir Genocide of Kashmiri Pandit Community. It's a heart-wrenching narrative of the pain, suffering, struggle and trauma of Kashmiri pandits and questions eye-opening facts about democracy, religion, politics and humanity.

100% tax free in Karnataka

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Government has decided to provide a 100 percent tax exemption for the movie. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai took time to watch the movie at a theatre in Bengaluru yesterday.

Later, taking to Twitter, the CM tweeted: "Kudos to @vivekagnihotri for #The KashmirFiles, a blood-curdling, poignant and honest narrative of the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from their home land. To lend our support to the movie and encourage our people to watch it, we will make the movie tax-free in Karnataka."

KR Constituency to soon have 'Namma Clinics'

Mysuru, Mar.14 (MTY&DM)- KR MLA S.A. Ramdas asserted that 'Namma Clinics' will come up across the Constituency soon, as announced in this year's State Budget. He was speaking at 'Central and State Budget debate and ASHA workers felicitation programme' organised at his office in Vidyaranyapuram here on Sunday.

Underlining the role of ASHA workers in serving the society during the COVID pandemic, Ramdas said that the importance of ASHA workers came to the limelight when the crisis broke out. Maintaining that the State Government has allotted a good amount of money for the health sector, the MLA said that measures have been taken for ensuring that the health services announced in the State Budget are introduced efficiently. He further said that many health initiatives such as Matruvandana, POSHAN and Integrated Health scheme have been implemented successfully in the constituency.

Lauding the services of ASHA workers in KR Constituency, he said that two 'Mahila Swasthya Kendra' (women well-being centres) will be opened in the Assembly segment.

Expressing concern that kidney ailments among the population is on the rise, Ramdas said that he has also planned to set up a Dialysis Unit under the PPP model. He called upon ASHA workers to also popularise Janaushadhi Kendras while on their daily work.

Observing that the Government has the responsibility to take care of the well-being of ASHA workers, the MLA said that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has announced honorarium of Asha workers to be increased by Rs. 1,000.

Several ASHA workers were honoured with a saree and *tambula* on the occasion.

Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. Rajeshwari, Health Officers Mahadev, Yashoda, Asha and others were present.

District-level Job fair
for Differently-abled youths

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (SSM)- The Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, in association with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, will be conducting a District-level Udyoga Mela (Job Fair) exclusively for differently-abled youths at JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled (JSSPD) located at JSS Technical Institutions Campus, Manasagangothri, in city on Mar. 19.

For details, contact Veerabhadra Patel on Mob: 63648-67795 or e-mail: ***placements@samarthanam.org***; Shivaraju on Mob: 63648-67818 or e-mail: ***sam_mysore@samarthanam.org*** and Subash on Mob: 94498-64693 or e-mail: ***centrehead_Bangalore@samarthanam.org,*** according to a press release from District Differently Abled Welfare Officer.

Appointment of Legal Volunteers

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (SSM)- The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as part-time legal volunteers.

Candidates who are service-minded, possess a minimum educational qualification of a pass in SSLC and have experience in social service are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the DSLA Office.

Interested candidates may submit the filled-in application with a copy of their bio-data, Aadhaar Card, marks cards and passport size photographs before Mar. 25 (5 pm).

Selected candidates must identify people who require legal aid and guide them in connection with their works at Law Courts and Government offices.

Those appointed will be paid an honorarium of Rs. 500 a day.

'My husband shied away from doctorates and refused many'

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The VC had been to the late actor's house at Sadashivanagar in Bengaluru last Saturday to convey the decision taken by the University to confer honorary doctorate on Puneeth Rajkumar posthumously at its 102nd annual convocation on Mar. 22. Ashwini accepted the invitation and told the VC that she would attend the event at Crawford Hall.

Puneeth Rajkumar, who passed away last year, was chosen for the honorary doctorate posthumously in recognition of his contribution to Kannada cinema and philanthropy. Along with Puneeth, former Director General of DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) Dr. Vasudev Kalkunte Aatre (V.K. Aatre) and folk musician M. Mahadevaswamy are the other two personalities being conferred with the honorary doctorates.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar turned emotional when she was told about the posthumous honorary doctorate to her husband. "She told me that many Universities and organisations had come to meet Puneeth during his lifetime and offered to confer honorary doctorates. But he politely refused and told them that his achievement was too small for a doctorate," the VC said.

When he was told that even Dr. Rajkumar was conferred with an honorary doctorate, Puneeth used to say, **"The scale of my father's achievement is different. I have not grown as big as a personality like my father to receive the doctorate. I am too small and it is wrong to compare Appaji (as Puneeth called his father) and me. For me, my work and service is important."**

Ashwini told the VC that Puneeth never worked for an award and whatever he did, was with dedication and humility.

Incidentally, about 46 years ago (Feb. 8, 1976), the University of Mysore had conferred honorary doctorate on Puneeth's father Dr. Rajkumar. Dr. Rajkumar was 46 years old when he received the honorary doctorate and now after a gap of 46 years, his late actor-son, who died at the age of 46, is receiving the honour posthumously.

Notably, Dr. Rajkumar and Puneeth Rajkumar have become the only father-son duo to receive honorary doctorate from the UoM. The first posthumous honorary doctorate was conferred by the Mysore University on Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji of Suttur Mutt in 1989.

Meanwhile, fans of Puneeth Rajkumar have one more reason to cheer for as the doctorate comes at a time when Puneeth's birthday falls on Mar. 17 and his last film 'James' will be released on that day. His wife Ashwini's birthday is on Mar. 14 (today) and when Puneeth was alive, he used to celebrate her birthday in a meaningful way. Though Puneeth is well-known for his simple and ordinary living, he used to make birthdays memorable for Ashwini.

'My good fortune to receive doctorate'

Folk singer Mahadevaswamy

Mysuru, Mar. 14 (GA& BCT)- Malavalli Mahadevaswamy is a Dalit singer who has been singing the tales from Mahadeshwara and Manteswamy epics since the late 1970s. Singing is his way of life and various circumstances compelled him to practice his art form professionally.

M. Mahadevaswamy

Mahadevaswamy will receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Mysore on Mar. 22 along with Puneeth Rajkumar (posthumous) and Dr. V.K. Aatre. Folk singer Mahadevaswamy is continuing his family tradition of singing that has been passed on from generations.

"I began singing as per tradition and also due to poverty and roamed with a bag to collect alms from houses through my singing. I have been honoured with a doctorate owing to the blessings of my parents and Guru. It is my good fortune that I am receiving the doctorate along with great personalities like Puneeth Rajkumar and V.K. Aatre," he said.

Born to Sobane Manchamma and Madaiah of Krishnapura village in Malavalli of Mandya district, Mahadevaswamy had a flair for singing since childhood. His father used to play shehnai. He began his formal singing under the mentorship of Poorigaali Bommegowda when he was 16. Mahadevaswamy began singing with the traditional tamboori.

After SSLC, he took to full-time music and apart from following traditions, one of the reasons he took to folk singing is poverty and he had to support his family.

Mahadevaswamy is one of the famed singers of Lord Manteswamy's life history. Apart from narrating the exploits of Lord Manteswamy, they also narrate the story of his disciples like Siddappaji and Rachappaji. Along with singing in street after street, these singers — known as Neelagaras — also double up as counsellors and moral instructors to the community.

Lord Manteswamy is a cultural and religious leader worshipped in Chamarajanagar, Mysuru, Mandya, Ramanagara, Bengaluru urban and rural, and Hassan districts. A man of many miracles, Manteswamy's story is full of victories over many demons and evil forces.

Apart from Manteswamy, Mahadevaswamy sings folk songs based on Male Mahadeshwara, Shankamma, Siddappaji's miracles and the history of Mudukuthore Mallikarjuna and Biligiri Ranganathaswamy. He has been singing for 40 years, performing at various places including abroad.

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CM to launch Vairamudi Utsava

Devotees lined up to have 'darshan' at Cheluvanarayanaswamy temple this morning.

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Even as the protest continued, Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner Shivanandamurthy, Tahsildar Pramod Patil and other officials facilitated passing of the vehicle along with only the First Sthanika, with the help of Police.

Tight Police security

The Mandya District Police led by SP Yathish have made elaborate security arrangements with over a 1,500 Police personnel deployed for security.

IGP (Southern Range) Pravin Madhukar Pawar, who visited Melukote on Sunday, said that security has been stepped up on account of the Chief Minister's visit.

Pointing out that a special vigil will be kept regarding safety and security of women and children arriving for the Jatra, he said that the Police personnel have been asked to keep a close vigil on suspicious movements.

Stating that CCTV cameras have been installed at more than 60 strategic points around the temple, he said that Mandya SP and his sub-ordinates will continuously monitor the situation for ensuring incident-free Utsava.

Regarding parking of vehicles, Pawar said that no vehicle will be allowed inside the temple premises. Noting that several vehicle parking lots have been set up for the event, which is expected to attract lakhs of devotees during the Mahotsava, he said that there are separate parking lots for two-wheelers, four-wheelers, buses, cabs and other public transport vehicles.

Road converted into one-way

Meanwhile, the District Administration and the Police have enforced a one-way rule on Melukote-Mandya road today due to the Chief Minister's visit and also for bringing the Vairamudi from Mandya District Treasury.

Devotees will be allowed to have *darshan* of the deity at Cheluvanarayanaswamy temple once the Chief Minister leaves the temple.

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What God has given to Mysureans, let us not destroy it: Save Chamundi Hill

By Bhamy V. Shenoy

The latest 'great idea' to promote tourism under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme is to install stainless steel railings on both the sides of 1,008 steps leading to Chamundi Betta. In this background, there is a need to select projects undertaken or proposed to promote tourism during the last thirty years to grade on the best to worst. We can use criteria like environmental protection, tourist attraction, preserving the spiritual space, economic justification, preventing caving of the hills and preserving heritage. However, installation of the railings will require a separate classification. This is because it is comparable to Tughlakian idea of moving capital from Delhi to Daulatabad.

Bhamy Shenoy

Do these steps need railings? For whom? A Tughlakian idea.

Railings are useful for those aged people who cannot walk without any support. Are aged people interested to climb 1,008 steps to reach Chamundi Hill? Perhaps one person in one lakh, may be fit and daring to climb. In such rare cases, they are unlikely to need railings. Assuming they do need railings, are we justified to meet the needs of few?

Shocking level of Concretisation on Chamundi Hill

Should we use limited resources for a project which not only will not help any one, but in all likelihood harm the existing steps or divert to badly needed projects of preserving the biodiversity of the Chamundi Hill?

Let us now look at the "thousand cuts" that has made Chamundeshwari, which is beloved of Mysureans, to ask us to save her. **Even as early as 1994, Karnataka Government had signed a contract for constructing a ropeway on Chamundi Hill with M/s Sikka Traders for Rs. 6.5 crore. Because of the protests led by MGP, it was dropped.** Since then the ropeway project has been proposed by new Tourism Ministers or Mysuru's leaders several times and has been buried each time.

Latest attempt has been to convince the CM to propose ropeway under **"Parvatamala Scheme of Central Government." More than likely it will also be shelved.**

Some of the obvious "thousand cuts" that were already inflicted on the hill are: Construction of multi-storied parking complex, shopping complex, dasoha building and guest houses, and canopy for pilgrims waiting in line to enter the temple, allowing the operations of illegal shops, no restrictions of VIP cars to the gates of temples, concretisation of the hill top by permitting more than 1,000 houses and explosion of population to unsustainable limit of 4,200.

Fortunately for Chamundeshwari, a four lane road was dropped, thanks to the objection by the Forest Department. Project to construct a canopy over the 1,008 steps was dropped, thanks to protests by activists. Latest "thousand cuts" proposed is a set of projects under **PRASHAD** to beautify the hill top and add some more to concretisation.

Chamundeshwari wants us to leave nature to itself rather than us homo-sapiens interfering with it. It is worth pointing out the unintended benefit of recent caving on the roads to support the suggestion of nature taking care of itself. Since the caved road has been blocked for vehicle movement, walkers are able to enjoy the chirping of the birds, enjoying the enchanting dance of peacocks and seeing the roaming of wild animals. If nature can rejuvenate so quickly, imagine how the entire reserve forest of Chamundi will look a few years down the road if we not only stop further concretisation, but start de-populating the top.

Can we pay attention to the cries of Chamundeshwari and give up all proposed projects to attract tourists? What we need are ideas to green Chamundi Hill.

Kannada Odugara Okkoota interacts with TV artiste

Mysuru, Mar. 14- Kannada Odugara Okkoota, under the guidance of Shubha Sanjay Urs, Chairperson of Mysuru Book Clubs-2015, celebrated Women's Day at The Green Hotel in city. On the occasion, Deepa Ravishankar, a well-known theatre actress, writer and TV artiste, interacted with Book Club members. Deepa traced her journey of her career on the stage which began when she was five years old when she played a lead role in a children's play 'Panjarada Hakki' in Shivamogga. Her parents were both theatre enthusiasts and they were the pioneers in establishing the theatre group "Abhinaya' in Shivamogga.

Deepa grew up in and around the stage and developed a passion for acting.

Later her work arena took her to Bengaluru and from there to Mysuru. Since 2010 she has been acting in Kannada serials and for five years she has written a column titled 'TV mane Kathe' in a Kannada daily in which she candidly discussed the good and bad aspects of TV channels and their programmes.

Rani Manjunath welcomed. Nivedita proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. Sharada and Sudha Prasad honoured the chief guest on behalf of the Kannada Odugara Okkoota.

DC asks families of COVID victims to apply for relief

Dr. Gautham

Mysuru, Mar. 14- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that such families of COVID victims who have not yet received Government relief, can apply to the concerned Tahsildar along with all supporting documents for seeking relief.

In a press release, Dr. Gautham said that relief has already been paid to families of COVID victims. But still some families are claiming that they are yet to get relief. Hence, such families can apply at the concerned Tahsildar's Office along with all supporting documents for State Government relief of Rs.50,000.

The legal heirs of COVID victims can apply at their respective Hobli-level Naadakacheri or the Taluk Office or the Corporation Office, along with Health Officer certified documents. Pointing out that the District Administration had received a total of 1,993 applications, he said that relief has been paid to 819 BPL families and 846 APL families.

The applicants have to submit records such as COVID positive report issued by a listed Lab, Clinical Radiology reports, treatment reports and other Lab reports, certified by the Taluk or District Health Officer. Also, the applicants must attach a copy of Aadhaar card of the deceased, Death Certificate, a copy of ration card, Aadhaar card and Bank Pass book of the applicant, a self-declaration Form (Form-2) and a No-objection Certificate (Form-3) signed by all members of the claimant's family.

Also, such families which have so far not got relief even after applying, can apply at the Office of the Assistant Director of Social Security and Pensions Wing, the release said.

Debutante artists unveil many forms of Motherhood at *Bahuroopi*

Seen are (from left) artists Poornima, Akshara, Monika, Swathi and Aishwarya. Picture right: Art-lovers taking a look at one of the illustrations on display at Rangayana premises.

By Kavita Mhatre

The Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival is well-known for the wide range of creative endeavours on display, including work by aspiring and established artists from across the country.

This year, five promising artists from CAVA and Kala Nikethan, Mysuru, have put together a stunning collection of paintings. "Motherhood" is a common motif in the works by **Monika, Aishwarya, Poornima, Akshara and Swathi.**

These five debutante artists, through their meticulous work, have shown that motherhood is a universal concept that encompasses all the entities in the cosmos that nourish, care, and soothe. When asked what the experience was like while dealing with such an intricate and deep subject, the artists said, "A delightful and challenging experience for us was thinking outside the box and communicating

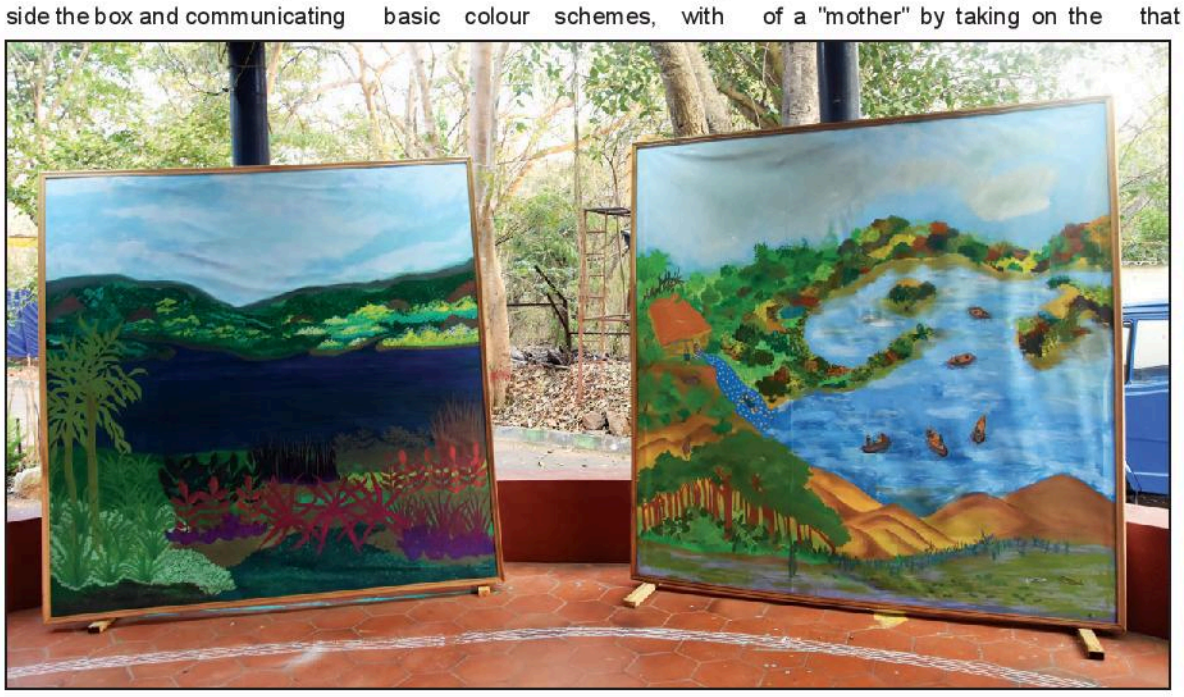
effectively that a universal topic like "motherhood" applies to every entity that can nourish and love another entity."

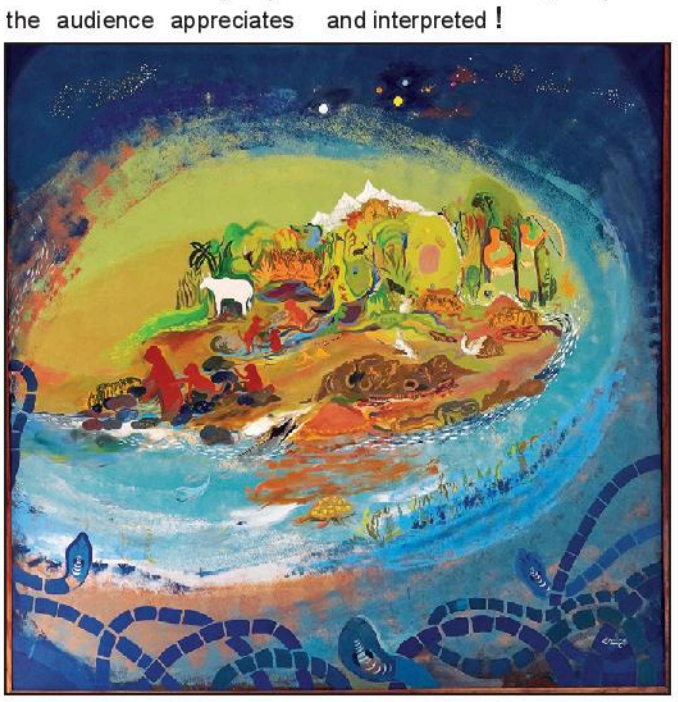
The collage of paintings titled 'Motherhood' use earthy, basic colour schemes, with smooth textures and transitions that communicate a multitude of sentiments about the central theme. The artists' efforts to convey that nature and the earth around us play the role of a "mother" by taking on the life-giving and nurturing aspects that we observe in our own spaces with our mothers stand out in this wonderful collage. While images of women representing mother earth and mother nature have been around for a long time, these artists have deftly used elements of nature such as mountains, trees and water bodies to send home the point that, "The forms of motherhood are endless and are pretty much present in every aspect of the ecosystem around us."

When we asked these young artists about the challenges they faced in assembling a montage with such a profound theme as the central subject, they said, "Experimenting with a whole multitude of colours, assembling a creative undertaking like this in a timeframe of five days, having to adopt a flexible approach with respect to the technique and composition was a huge responsibility, but we are proud of the final outcome and sincerely hope that the audience appreciates our fruits of labour."

Even if you are unfamiliar with art, a casual examination of the show assembled by the artists reveals a sincere endeavour to transcend stereotypes and rethink the concept of motherhood. The installation combines fertility and care-giving, nourishment, and sacrifice, all of which have a quiet dignity and strength.

While the Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival promises to be an extravagant array of theatre music, folk performances, handicrafts, street plays, and all kinds of fun, entertainment, and enlightenment this year, we recommend you make it a point to visit the art installation, "Motherhood." The artists have used their skills remarkably well to demonstrate their views on motherhood and her beauty, which is full of grace and contrasts. There is a little something for everyone in these canvases—a little something that needs to be discovered, explored and interpreted !





WORD OF THE DAY

Compendious

Pronunciation: kum-PEN-dee-us.
Meaning: Compendious means "concise" or "comprehensive."
Origin: Compendious comes from Latin compendium, meaning "saving," "shortcut," and, in its most literal sense, "that which is weighed together." Compendium has its source in the Latin verb compendere, meaning "to weigh together."
Example: "But as a far-reaching, compendious and elegantly turned examination of a region and its peoples, this book is unlikely to be surpassed." —Mick Brown

THE ODD WORD

Caconym

Wrongly derived name.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Can't cut the mustard

Meaning: When you use the expression 'Can't Cut the Mustard' you mean that someone is unable to succeed or meet expectations.
Origin: The phrase 'can't cut the mustard' emerged in America at the end of the 1800s. The earliest printed example comes from an 1889 edition of The Ottowa Herald: "He tried to run the post office business under Cleveland's administration, but "couldn't cut the mustard." The use of quotation marks indicates that the phrase was already a common one.
Example: "I really like Jake, but he just can't cut the mustard."

QUOTE BOX

Almost anything is edible with a dab of French mustard on it. **—Nigel Slater**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

LILATEFE

Answer: Late in life.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Somersault; jump
5 March time fatal for Caesar
9 Commonly used pesticide
12 Ebrahim ___ was overthrown by Baber
13 Ascend or flourish
14 CPR specialist
15 Org. of Petro. Exporting Counties
16 Tapering pillars
18 Enfeebles, debilitates
20 Dutch commune
21 Chinese sauce
22 Scratched
25 Scoundrel or cad
28 Clever humour
29 Virtuoso guitarist Steve ___
30 Surmounting; over
31 A small amount of butter
32 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country ?
33 A former French coin of low denomination
34 A unit of illumination
35 Military bases
36 Individual human being?
38 Indochinese language
39 Extinct flightless bird
40 Author of The Hobbit
44 Vaulting game
47 Capital of Norway
48 Electrically charged atom
49 Architect Saarinen
50 Boss of a shield
51 A connecting word
52 Gujarat's ___ of Kutch
53 Young adult

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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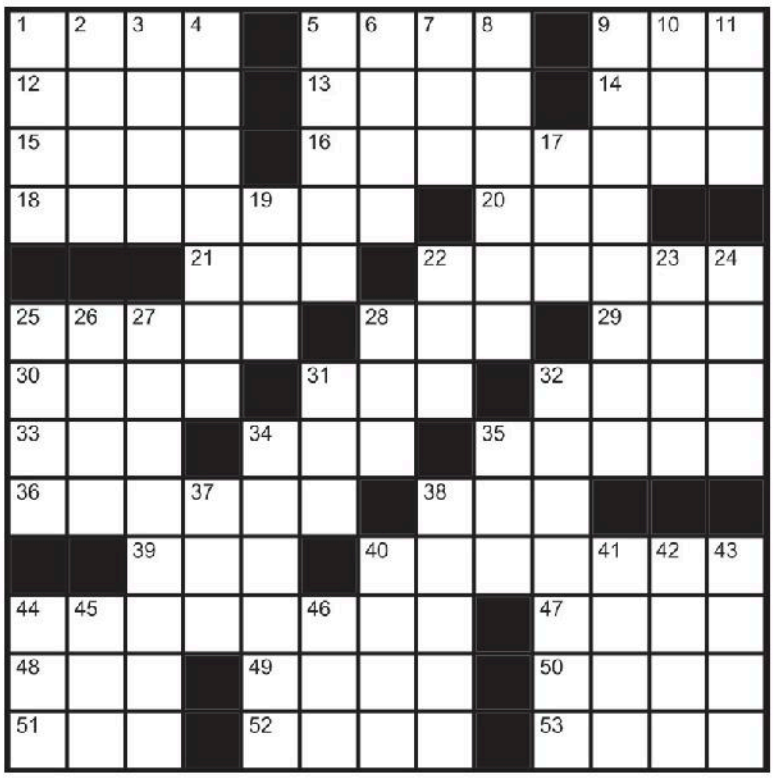
DOWN
1 Glide along as a stream
2 Run with long strides - "pole" anagram?
3 It may be bright or big
4 Takes a hitch-hiker abroad (5,2)
5 Sarcasm or ridicule
6 Drops the bait lightly
7 Opp. of WNW
8 Excellent or preferred?
9 Is owed
10 Tamil Nadu pty.
11 Text to speech, acronym
17 Altar affirmation (1,2)
19 Equal opportunity employer abbr
22 ___ on : delay action about, colloquially speaking?
23 Compass point
24 Gives up the ghost?
25 A rough-edged tool
26 Siouan Indian
27 Epicurean
28 Increase in phase
31 Play on words
32 Observation post (4-3)
34 An idler or a wastrel?
35 Bosom buddy or chum
37 Dip in liquid
38 Gain access to computer (3,2)
40 In two minds?
41 Indian Soc. of Mechanical Engineers
42 River of Germany
43 Time of day
44 "Ali" turning into a girl?
45 A long time
46 "Bad Behaviour" star Stephen



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

2	8	6	1	3	9	7	4	5
7	3	1	2	5	4	8	6	9
5	9	4	7	6	8	2	3	1
6	7	5	3	2	1	4	9	8
4	2	8	9	7	5	6	1	3
3	1	9	8	4	6	5	2	7
8	5	3	4	9	2	1	7	6
1	4	7	6	8	3	9	5	2
9	6	2	5	1	7	3	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LJ BMX PLYQ IM EQ MCQ KXCHVQH, BMX'YQ WMI LI

SUHQ. YQVB JQN ZQMZPQ HLQ ZUTI IKUI UWQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS Y

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labour in freedom.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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- **Thibbadevi Theatre** Ph: 2452958
  Radhe Shyam (Te) 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** Ph: 2420885
  Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** Mob: 9900820093
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  Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** Ph: 2423554
  The Kashmir Files (H) - 2 Shows; *Pada (Ma)* - 2 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** Ph: 2520494
  Dear Sathya (K) 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** Ph: 2443568
  Hareesha Vayassu 36 (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)	(S-1)	10.25 am
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Radhe Shyam (Te)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.25 am, 4.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Hareesha Vayassu 36 (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
The Batman (E)	(S-2)	12.45 pm
Old Monkk (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.20 am
Ek Love Ya (K)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Dear Sathya (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta)	(S-3)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Pada (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Radhe Shyam (Te)	(S-1)	9.40 am, 12.40 pm, 3.45 pm 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	3.35 pm, 6.30 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhava (Ta)	(S-3)	9.45 am, 3.25 pm, 9:40 pm
Dear Sathya (K)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)	(S-3)	6.35 pm
Hareesha Vayassu 36 (K)	(S-3)	12.55 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
The Batman (E)	(S-4)	9.50 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	(S-4)	10.05 am
Ek Love Ya (K)	(S-2)	12.20 pm
Old Monkk (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-4)	6.50 pm

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Love Mocktail 2 (K)	:	6.00 pm
Dear Sathya (K)	:	12.35 pm
Radhe Shyam (Te)	:	10.05 am, 11.30 am, 12.10 pm, 1 pm 2.25 pm, 3.05 pm, 3.55 pm, 5.20 pm 6.50 pm, 8.15 pm, 9.45 pm
The Batman (E)	:	2.50 pm, 9.45 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	:	11.30 am, 6.25 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	:	3.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)	:	9.00 pm
Pada (Ma)	:	6.40 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm

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Hareesha Vayassu 36 (K)	:	3.30 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	:	12.25 pm, 3.05 pm
Radhe Shyam (Te)	:	9.15 am, 10.20 am, 12.10 pm 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.05 pm 7.05 pm, 9.00 pm,10.00 pm
The Batman (E)	:	11.55 am, 5.55 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	:	9.30 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta)	:	9.15 am, 3.25 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.45 pm

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Ek Love Ya (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 1.45 pm, 6.35 pm
Old Monkk (K)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Radhe Shyam (Te)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4.00 pm 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Aa Thombattu Dinagalu (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Dear Sathya (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Hareesha Vayassu 36 (K)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Pada (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Bahuroopi Raashtriya Rangotsava [Motherhood]

TODAY (MARCH 14)

Folk Performances at Kindarijogi Janapadaranga

5 pm : **Mallakamba** by Siddharooda Hoogar.
Bastar by Manishkumar, Chattisgarh.
Dongalia by Seyap, Maharashtra.
Bagoliya by Syed Nishar, MP.

Plays at Different Stages

6 pm - Bhoomigeeta : **Rudali** (Rajastani).
Troupe: Sumukh Rangamandal, New Delhi.
Playwright: Mahashwetha Devi.
Adaptation and Direction: Aravind Singh.

6.30 pm - Sampat Rangamandira : **Thaliya Thakararu** (Kannada).
Troupe: KNKAS, Hubli. Playwright: A.O. Salunke.
Direction: Helen Hubli.

7 pm - Vanaranga : **Kazhumaram** (The Stake) (Tamil).
Troupe: Yaazh Theatre and Research Foundation, Puducherry.
Playwright, Design and Direction: G. Gobi.

7 pm - Kalamandira : **Hakki Kathe** (Kannada).
Troupe: Shivamogga Rangayana.
Novel: Na D'Souza. Stage Adaptation: S. Malathi.
Direction: Ganesh Mandarthi, Shravan Heggodu.

TOMORROW (MARCH 15)

Screening of Movies at Sriranga Auditorium

10.30 am to 12 noon : **Mother Courage and Her Children.** English UK 2009 (59 minutes). Director: Demetria Royals.

12 noon to 1.30 pm : **Honeyland.** North Macedonia 2019 (90 minutes). Director: Tamara Kotevska and Ljubomir Stefanov.

2 pm to 4.40 pm : **Mother.** South Korean 2009 (101 minutes). Director: Bong-joon-ho.

Special Programme at B.V. Karanth Rangachavadi

4 pm to 5 pm : 'Matru Devobhava' by Prof. Krishnegowda.

Folk Performances at Kindarijogi Janapadaranga

5 pm : **Veeragase** by Ambika & Troupe, Chikkamaglur
Goravara Kunita by Rajashekara Murthy, Ch'nagar
Bastar by Manishkumar, Chattisgarh
Dongalia by Seyap, Maharashtra
Bagoliya by Syed Nishar, MP.

Plays at Different Stages

6 pm - Bhoomigeeta : **Soorjyastaru Soorjodaya (Odia).**
Troupe: Mig Kala Parishad, Odisha.
Direction: Dol Govind Rath.

6.30 pm - Sampat Rangamandira : **Lockdown (Kannada).**
Troupe: We Move Theatre, Bengaluru.
Direction: Abhishek Iyengar.

7 pm - Vanaranga : **Oedipus (Kannada).**
Troupe: Prayoga Ranga, Bengaluru.
Direction: Shashidhara Barighat.

7 pm - Kalamandira : **Samrat Ashoka (Kannada).**
Troupe: Dharawad Rangayana.
Direction: Veena Sharma.

NOTE: For tickets, contact Rangayana office on Ph: 0821-2512639
For online booking and details, visit: *http://www.rangayana.org/bahurupi-2022/*

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 14)

- **Vishwamanava Mysore University Employees Forum:** Farewell and felicitation ceremony-2022, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan, Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, DCP (Law & Order) Pradeep Gunti, *Kannada Prabha* Executive Editor Amshi Prasannakumar and others chief guests, Yuvaraja's College auditorium, **5 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharata Sahitya Parishat, Samskara Bharati, Rangayaana, Kutumba Prabodhan and Grama Vikasa:** Solo Tala-Maddale 'Kanaka Janaki' by Divakara Hegde, Bhagavataru: Ananta Padmanabha Phatak, Pune; Maddale: Chinmaya Ambaragodu, Bengaluru, Vayu Prabhava, Sri Krishnadhama, Sahukar Chennaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** Pi Day and Albert Einstein's birthday, Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU and presently, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, conducts a multidisciplinary programme, Chamundi Children's Home, II Stage Brindavan Extension, **6.30 pm.**

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